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May 24, 2000

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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Desert Mine,
S/023/068, County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and initial permit application fee, received by the Division on April 28, 2000. We apologize for not replying sooner to this notice. The application for the proposed Desert Mine Project, located in the NW/14 of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 Section 28, and the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 21, T12S, R7W, SLBM, Juab County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time.

As this project is located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed lands, we forwarded a copy of your notice to the Fillmore Field Office. We received a letter from the BLM stating that this is the same location as a notice which was permitted by Albert Nielson as operator and Hansen/Carson as the claimants. We closed our file for Albert Nielson, but the BLM did not. They have now changed the operator name from Albert Nielson to Hansen/Carson and still categorize the file under number UTU-070642. Please be advised that permit approval or file closure from this Division does not relieve you of any obligations the BLM may require. *You may now commence operations as outlined in your notice*, provided you have obtained written approval from the BLM to proceed on federal managed lands.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(I)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 annual fee. The next fiscal year payment will be due again in July. You will receive a billing statement for that payment.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very

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rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Munson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Munson
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure - SMO summary

cc: Tracking File

S23-68-noi *BLM - Larry Garabana*